Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 12 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 13 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 11 Aug 2020 at 17:08 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for overall events and for some heavy and thundery showers overnight and on Wednesday, but low confidence for exact location of showers and thunderstorms and for how long they last

Headline for Wednesday 12 Aug 2020: Heavy, thundery rain at first Wednesday but clearing away quite quickly then becoming brighter with some sunny spells and warm too, but the odd thunderstorm may develop in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 12 Aug 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy rain showers (night)	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability							
30%	60%	40%	30%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 12 Aug 2020

Weather: Heavy and occasionally thundery showers will become more widespread in the early hours then move away northwards to be confined to the far east and north by day break with some clear spells developing in west, though low cloud and fog will develop in places. Thundery showers in east at first Wednesday but soon clearing away and low cloud and fog will lift and break leaving mainly dry and bright conditions with some good spells of sunshine in the afternoon, but the odd thundery shower could develop. Some late sunshine into the evening and showers will die away, but patchy low cloud and fog may develop.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 60% in west overnight and at first Wednesday but little chance in east with extensive cloud down to 500m. Improving to 90% in morning with scattered or broken cloud, mainly above 800m by the end of the morning, but chance reducing in or near any afternoon showers.

Visibility: Good beneath cloud in west overnight, but poor occasionally very poor in east and in showers. Improving mainly good through the morning, but reducing in any thundery showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	5/6 SE	4/5 NW	5/6 N	6/7 N	7/10 N	8/11 N	8/12 N	9/12 N	8/11 NE
900	4/5 SE	4/5 NW	5/6 N	5/7 N	7/10 N	8/11 N	9/12 N	10/12 N	9/13 NE
600	3/4 NE	3/4 NW	4/5 NE	3/5 N	6/9 N	7/11 N	7/10 N	6/8 N	5/9 NE
300	0/3 SE	1/3 NW	3/6 N	1/4 N	4/7 NW	8/12 N	8/12 N	5/10 NE	6/11 NE
Glen	1/2 S	1/2 W	2/3 S	3/4 SW	3/6 SW	5/8 N	10/14 N	5/8 N	3/7 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	15/15	14/14	13/13	14/14	14/13	13/12	12/11	13/11	12/11
900	15/15	15/15	14/13	14/14	14/14	13/12	13/11	13/11	12/11
600	16/16	15/16	14/14	15/16	16/15	15/14	14/13	13/12	13/12
300	16/17	15/15	15/16	17/18	18/19	18/17	17/16	15/15	14/14
Glen	16/18	15/16	15/16	16/17	17/18	20/20	18/17	16/16	15/15
Freezing Level*	3000m	2900m	2800m	2800m	2900m	2800m	2700m	2700m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A muggy start to the day with thundery showers in north and east, but improving through the morning, then a generally fine and very warm day, though the odd thundery shower may crop up. Temperatures in some glens may reach as high as 26 Celsius.

Forecast for Thursday 13 Aug 2020

Weather: Some low cloud, mist and fog developing overnight, mainly across northern and eastern slopes, but clear spells in the west. Cloud will soon lift and break in morning to leave a mostly dry and bright day, but the odd shower may develop in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: North or northeast 15 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% in west, 10% in east with areas of cloud down to 600m, though 400m in northeast. Chance improving to 80% by the afternoon as cloud lifts and becomes more broken

Visibility: Generally good, but moderate or poor on many eastern slopes into the morning

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 14 rising to plus 24 C
At 800m: Plus 13 or 14 C
Freezing level: 2600m

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